seepage of water in the power tunnel, slow progress of works in the tail race tunnel and other adit tunnels due to bad rock conditions and strike by workers and employees of civil contractor, M/s Patel Engineering Company from February, 1995 to August, 1995. As per the present status of works the first unit of the project would be commissioned by July, 1999 and balance units at an interval of six months each thereof.

[Translation]

LPG Connections

809. SHRI SUKH LAL KUSHWAHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG connections provided under the discretionary quota during 1996;

(b) whether the Supreme Court have issued any guidelines in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) LPG connections issued under discretionary quota during the period January - December, 1996 are as under:

LPG Connections

Issued under

discretionary quota - 77142

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Renewable Energy Sources

810. SHRI GULAM RASOOL KAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set up solar power projects in the country and the details of progress achieved on ongoing projects and performance of completed projects;

(b) details of wind power projects already set up/ under implementation in the country with State-wise break up;

(c) details of projects completed/under execution for generation of energy from garbage/waste;

(d) details of major policy initiatives recently taken to encourage private/foreign direct investment to tap energy from natural sources/non conventional sources; and

(e) details of programme-wise and state-wise allocations of funds for the current year particularly for Kashmir and how to they compare with the funds actually utilised during the last year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (CAPT. JAI NARAYANA PRASAD NISHAD): (a) Yes Sir. Solar photovoltaic Power Projects of over 1254 KW aggregate capacity have been installed in the country. State-wise details are given in Statement-I enclosed. The performance of these projects has so far been satisfactory.

(b) The details of Wind Power projects set up in the country, with state-wise break-up are given in Statement-II enclosed;

(c) The details of projects for generation of energy from garbage/waste, completed and under execution, are given in the enclosed Statement-III.

(d) Major policy initiatives taken to encourage private/ foreign direct investment to tap energy from Non-conventional sources, include provision of fiscal and financial incentives under a wide range of programmes being implemented by the Ministry and simplification of procedure for private investment including foreign direct investment in the non-conventional energy projects. The fiscal incentives provided for this purpose include 100% depreciation in the first year of the installation of the project, exemption from excise duty and sales tax and concessional customs duty on the import of material, components and equipment used in non-conventional energy projects. In addition, the Government provides financial incentives such as interest-subsidy and capital subsidy from the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources and soft loans from the Indian renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) a Public Sector Company of the Ministry. For creation of attractive facilities for evacuation and purchase/wheeling/banking of electrical energy generated from non-conventional sources, the Ministry has issued a set of guidelines to all the States. It has been suggested that the States should announce general policies for purchase/wheeling/banking of electrical energy generated from all non-conventional energy sources. A minimum purchase price of Rs.2.25/unit with an annual escalation of 5% for first 10 years, with liberal wheeling/ banking facilities at nominal charges has been suggested. Twelve States have so far announced such policies in respect of various non-conventional energy sources. Foreign direct investment proposals involving upto 74% of foreign equity for manufacture of items based on solar energy like solar cells, cookers, air and water heating systems and other related items, wind electric generators, small hydro equipments and non-conventional energy generation and distribution qualify for automatic approval.

(e) The details of funds allotted under various non-conventional energy programmes during 1995-96 and 1996-97 alongwith programme-wise expenditure incurred during 1995-96 and expected expenditure during 1996-97 upto 31st March, 1997, are given in Statement - IV Statewise allocation of funds is not made by the Ministry. The funds are provided to State Governments based on their past performance under various programmes of the Ministry and on the merit of the proposals received from them.

Statement–I

Projectwise details of solar photovoltaic power projects set up in different parts of the country.

Sl.No.	State/UT	Nos.	KWP
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4	17.60
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	3	7.90
3.	Assam	2	2.00
4.	Goa	2	1.70
5.	Gujarat	3	14.00
6.	Haryana	5	24.30
7.	Kerala	4	4.74
8.	Madhya Pradesh	2	9.00
9.	Maharashtra	4	116.44
10.	Manipur	5	5.00
11.	Meghalaya	13	30.50
12.	Nagaland	1	6.00
13.	Orissa	5	33.52
14.	Punjab	2	2.00
15.	Rajasthan	24	162.15
16.	Tamil Nadu	5	172.00
17.	Tripura	9	25.00
18.	Uttar Pradesh	63	419.00
19.	West Bengal	4	42.10
20.	A & N Islands	25	129.12
21.	Delhi	1	25.00
22.	Lakshadweep	1	25.00
	Total	187	1254.07

Statement–II

Statewise Wind Power Projects set up in the Country.

Sl.No.	Name of State	Installed Capacity (in MW)
1.	Tamilnadu	623.380
2.	Gujarat	136.140
3.	Andhra Pradesh	52.400
4.	Madhya Pradesh	8.015
5.	Karnataka	3.925
6.	Maharashtra	5.370
7.	Kerala	2.025
8.	Orissa	1.100
9.	Others	0.465
	Total	832.820

Statement–III

Details of Government supported projects completed and under execution for generation of energy from garbage/ waste.

Sl.No	Energy Projects from garbage/waste	
	Projects under Execution	Projects completed
1.	A 5 MW project for power generation utilising garbage of Madras city	1. A biogas generating plant of 4000 Cu.m./ day capacity has been installed at M/s A1-Kabeer Exports Ltd., Hyderabad. Andhra Pradesh.
2.	1 MW power generating plant utilising biogas produced from spent wash at K.M. Sugar Mills Distillery Unit, Faizabad, Uttar Pradesh.	2. 2.75 MW Power generation plant utilising rice husk at Gowthami Solvent Oils Ltd., Thanuku, Andhra Pradesh.

Statement–IV

Programme-wise Expenditure for 1995-96 and Revised Estimate and Expected Expenditure for 1996-97 upto 31st March, 1997.

(Amount in crores)

Sl.	Programme	1995-96	1996-97	
		Expenditure	Revised Estimate	Expected expenditure upto 31.3.97
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Biogas Prog.	50.71	53.70	53.70
2.	Improved Chulha	15.20	14.75	14.75
3.	Biomass/Standalone Gassifier	2.75	2.00	2.00
4	IREP	11.68	4.00	4.00
5.	Urjagram	0.60	0.25	0.25
6.	Special Demonot	1.49	1.00	1.00
7.	Animal Energy	0.90	0.05	0.05
8.	Solar Photovoltaic	17.31	13.50	13.50
9.	Solar Thermal	4.22	3.50	3.50
10.	SPV Irrigation Pumps	12.99	10.25	10.25
11.	Solar Energy Centre	1.29	0.70	0.70
12.	Wind Pumps and Battery Charges	0.53	0.67	0.67
13.	Wind Power	6.94	36.81	36.81
14.	Small Hydro	25.86	10.00	10.00
15.	Biomass Cogeneration/ Combustion	2.36	4.10	4.10

1	2	3	4	5
16.	Solar Thermal Power	0.15	0.00	0.00
17.	Solar Photovoltaic Power	0.00	1.05	1.05
18.	Urban and Industrial Energy Proj.	1.68	1.50	1.50
19.	New Technology	2.54	2.00	2.00
20.	Energy Conservation	0.00	0.05	0.05
21.	Planning	0.10	0.20	0.20
22.	I&P/Seminars	1.12(*)	3.20	3.20
23.	International Coop.	0.04(**)	0.45	0.45
24.	IREDA			
	a) Equity	24.00	28.00	28.00
	b) Loans and Advances	51.49	87.24	87.24
25.	Regional offices	0.56	0.60	0.60
26.	Sectt. Expenditure		2.55	2.55
	Total	236.51	282.12	282.12

(*) This does not include an amount of Rs.3.28 crores placed at the disposal of DAVP & Doordarshan for which all the claims have yet to be settled.

(**) This excludes Foreign Travel Expenditure.

Accommodation to Non-Officials

811. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria laid down for allotment of type IV and above accommodation to non-officials;

(b) the criteria followed for allotment of accommodation to persons who are/were enjoying special protection group facility status;

(c) whether such allottees are not eligible for accommodation after marriage; and

(d) if so, the rules thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) the following categories of Non officials are considered for allotment of Government accommodation as per the guidelines given in the Statement enclosed:

(i) Eminent Artists

(ii) Freedom Fighters

(iii) Press Correspondents and News Cameramen.

(iv) Miscellaneous categories including social workers.

(v) Allotment on security grounds.

These guidelines are under review in terms of the Supreme Court's judgement dated 23.12.96.

(b) Security protectees, who are in Z+ scale of security grading are eligible for allotment/retention of Govt. accommodation subject to fulfilment of prescribed conditions.

(c) and (d) Under the existing guidelines, there is no provisions to review such allotments made to the protectees persons after his/her marriage.

Statement

Copy of O.M. No. 12016(1)/89-Fol.II dated 11.7.90 regarding Review of guidelines for allotment of general pool accommodation to accredited Press Correspondents and Journalists.

Guidelines for allotment of accommodation from the Press Pool to accredited Press Correspondents and Journalists were reviewed by the Cabinet in its meeting held on 9.5.90. The Cabinet approved that the existing pool of 110 residential units which had previously been reduced to 103 units may now be increased to 120 units for providing accommodation to accredited Press Correspondents and News Cameraman subject to the following conditions:—

(a) He/She does not own a house in his/her name or in the name of family member or dependents at the time of allotment or subsequently in Delhi.

(b) The case shall be finalised after taking into consideration the recommendations of the Screening Committee set up by the Ministry of I&B headed by the Principal Information Officer of which Joint Secretary/ Additional Secretary (Estate) and Director of Estates shall be ex-officio Members, and four Journalists to be nominated by the Ministry of I&B shall be Members.

(c) He/She is a correspondent representing Indian Press and not any foreign Press/Media.

(d) The persons concerned are drawing salary upto Rs.3000/- excluding conveyance allowance; and

(e) Such of these allottees who are drawing emoluments upto Rs.3000/- p.m. would be charged licence fee under FR-45-A or flat rate of licence fee under FR-45-A whichever is higher. Those drawing beyond Rs.3000/- p.m. would be charged special licence fee, where they are occupying accommodation allotted in the past.

(f) The type of accommodation would be determined on the basis of the basic pay of the official, but limited to type V-A or lower types; allottees of the accommodation higher than type V-A may be allotted type V-A accommodation, if they are otherwise eligible immediately.

(g) The duration of allotment be upto three years; the position be reviewed thereafter.

(h) There would be periodic review of acredition of Press Correspondents/News Cameramen by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and the Directorate of